



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Solano Diseased Tree Removal Continues on I-80 in Fairfield

Fairfield- Caltrans Construction Crews, will continue to removing the dead, diseased, and structurally unsound Red Gum eucalyptus trees, with work shifting to the Rockville Road/West Texas Street Interchange on I-80 in Fairfield at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Reliable Tree Experts submitted a low bid of \$949,600.00 to prune and remove diseased eucalyptus trees in Solano and Sonoma Counties, with approximately 120 trees to be removed along the I-80 freeway in Fairfield. An additional 20 trees will be pruned along I-80 with 17 trees to be removed from the North Texas Street/Lyon Road Interchange area. These trees have been infested by the red gum psyllid, a non-native pest that has ravaged the red gum species throughout much of California. Caltrans has consulted with a Certified Registered Arborists that recommended the removal of the dead and diseased trees.

Minor traffic delays are anticipated, use of alternate routes is advised when possible. Motorists are also advised that traffic violations in Maintenance and Construction zones, are subject to double fines and to “**slow for the cone zone**”.

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